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NO. 9

ASEAN-UN DONOR CONFERENCE ENDS WITH FEW PLEDGES

1. (SBU) Most countries said they would withhold further pledges pending greater access. China pledged \$10 million, Cambodia pledged \$250,000, and the Philippines pledged \$150,000. (Ops/Embassy Rangoon telcon)

REGIME, DONORS FOCUSED ON DIFFERENT PRIORITIES

2. (SBU) Burma stressed reconstruction and rehabilitation without mentioning emergency relief, while the international community insisted on foreign expert access, needs assessments, and monitoring. The conference participants did not discuss aid logistics. (Ops/Embassy Rangoon telcon)

ASEAN PROPOSES JOINT COORDINATING BODY FOR RELIEF EFFORT

¶3. (SBU) ASEAN's Secretary General Surin said the nine-person group based in Rangoon would consist of three representatives each from Burma, ASEAN, and the UN to coordinate the ASEAN-led relief effort. ASEAN requested \$50,000 from the United States to set up the coordinating office in Rangoon. (Ops/Embassy Rangoon telcon)

WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HELICOPTER STILL GROUNDED

¶4. (SBU) One assembled WFP helicopter waits at the Rangoon airport, while the other nine have yet to arrive. Burmese officials have not determined where the helicopters will be allowed to go and what they will transport. (Ops/Embassy Rangoon telcon)

¶5. (U) Minimize considered.
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